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Marine

Admission into the Madras Harbour.

*372 Q.—Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the public of Madras are not allowed to have access to the Madras Harbour and that entry to the harbour is restricted by passports;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such restrictions;

(c) whether it is a fact that such restrictions do not obtain either in Bombay or Karachi ports;

(d) if so, why such restrictions should be enforced in Madras;

(e) whether it is a fact that one police station is entirely devoted to the Madras Port Trust; and

(f) whether the Government will consider the desirability of giving free access to the citizens of Madras into the harbour as in the case of the Bombay and Karachi ports?

A.—(a) A copy of by-law No. 2 [a] made by the Madras Port Trust and approved by Government is laid on the table.

(b) & (d) The by-law has been framed for the following purposes, laid down in section 95 of the Madras Port Trust Act, 1905:—

(1) For the safe and convenient use of the docks, wharves, quays, jetties, sheds, warehouses, railways, tramways and other works constructed by the Board or vested in the Board under this Act;

(2) for the use of the public landing places constructed by or vested in the Board;

(3) for the exclusion from the premises of disorderly or other undesirable persons and of trespassers; and

(4) generally for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(c) The Government have no information.

(e) One police station is entirely devoted to the work of the Madras harbour.

(f) The Government do not consider it desirable to alter the existing regulations.

Central Record Office

Change of the designation of the Assistant Superintendent of the Record Office as 'Manager'.

*373 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) when and why the post of the Superintendent of the Madras Record Office was abolished;

(b) why the post of Assistant Superintendent of the Record Office was continued under the same designation; and

(c) whether the Government contemplate changing the designation of the Assistant Superintendent of the Record Office into one of "Manager" of the Record Office on the same scale of pay?

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a Printed as Appendix III on page 112 infra.